

# Independent Study Project



Your task is to select a geographical world issue and write a comprehensive analysis based on your own research. You will collect a number of articles that reflect a variety of viewpoints on your chosen topic. Submitted documents are to include but are not limited to an overview or background to your issue, a thorough analysis of the current status of your issue, future predictions on the issue, and an extensive bibliography comprised of a variety of media sources. You must properly source all information gathered during your research.

The due dates for this assignment will be staggered throughout the semester depending on when you choose your topic. Everyone will have the same amount of time to complete their paper once their topic has been confirmed. Those who pick their topic first have the earliest due date but also get their choice of topics. No topic can be done by more than one student. If more than five students wish to pick their topics on any given Monday, a draw will be held to see which students get to pick their topics that day. If fewer than five students wish to pick their topics on any given Monday, names will be randomly selected from the class list and those students must choose a topic on that day. **Highlight your due dates once you have chosen your topic.** If you picked first, your due dates are the first ones listed for each component; if you picked fourth, your due dates are the fourth ones listed for each component, et cetera.

Topic Chosen	Bibliography	Conference (week of)	Final Paper
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	February 29 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 4 <sup>th</sup>
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	March 6 <sup>th</sup>	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	May 9 <sup>th</sup>

## Evaluation

Each component of this assignment must be completed. Deadlines are dependent on when you choose your topic, as outlined above. Re-read the portions of your Student Agenda and the Course Outline regarding late assessment tasks.

Marks will be allotted for the bibliography (out of 10) and for the conference (out of 20), which will become part of your term mark. The essay itself will comprise 15% of your final grade. Be sure that your final report meets the expectations outlined in the rubric provided before submitting your paper on the due date.

**Possible Topics** – Any geographical world issue. Please consult the course website for lists of previous topics that have been approved for independent study but know that other topics may be proposed for study.